Sunday, February 4

NEW! 7 a.m. -Breakfast with the Birders

Didn't get a chance to chat about your favorite birds yesterday? Here's your last chance to go one-on-one with the experts from the Sassafras Audubon Society!

NEW! 8:30 a.m. – The Oak Bottleneck : Understanding Conservation of Indiana Forests

How can you keep an oak-hickory forest producing oaks and hickories when all it wants to produce are beeches, maples, and tulip trees? Understanding forest conservation begins with understanding forests. See what the problem is and learn about the massive project underway to gather information to better manage our forest resources.

10 a.m. – Indiana's Raptors: Live and In Person

Now that you have a better understanding of Indiana forests, take a look at some of our favorite raptors that live in various habitats around the state. Join the folks from Return to the Wild for fun and learning rolled into one.



11:45 a.m. – Weekend Wrap-Up

Because of you, this year's Eagle Watch Weekend has been a great one, but it doesn't have to end here. We'll take a look back at the whole weekend, then gaze into the future to catch a glimpse of the "Spring Nature Expo" and other opportunities to get back together in the weeks and months ahead.

Have a safe trip home. We hope to see you soon!

Your Hosts and Presenters

Maria Abel-Crecelius. Patoka Reservoir Vicki Basman. Chief Interpreter. IDNR Ross Brittain, C.I.G., Sassafras Audubon Society Dr. John Castrale, Avian Biologist Mike Clarke, Sassafras Audubon Society Brittany Davis, Brown County State Park Jim Eagleman, Brown County State Park Laura Edmunds. Return to the Wild Don Glass, Brown County State Park Mita Glass, Brown County State Park Jeff Hammond, CHA, Gen. Mgr., Fourwinds Resort & Marina Dr. James Hengeveld, Biology Professor, Indiana U. Dr. Susan Hengeveld, Biology Professor, Indiana U. Patty Reynolds, Return to the Wild Jeff Riegel, Director, BirdCountry.US Tom Riley, Patoka Reservoir John Schaust, Chief Naturalist, Wild Birds Unlimited Terri Warne, Brown County State Park

For more information on Eagle Watch Weekend or our other avian education and conservation opportunities, contact BirdCountry.US at 812-335-8137.





For special accommodation rates, contact Fourwinds Resort & Marina at 812-824-BOAT (2628) or 800-824-BOAT (2628) www.fourwindsresort.com

For other Bloomington-area events, log on to the Monroe County/Bloomington Convention and Visitor's Bureau web site at www.visitbloomington.com.

Special thanks goes to all the members of the Sassafras Audu-

bon Society who helped make this year's event one of the best. Visit them at www.sassafrasaudubon.org.

Many thanks to our friends at the Indiana Department of

Natural Resources. Visit them online at www.in.gov/dnr/.

Registration available online, by mail or walk in anytime during the event. Cost is \$10 per person – children 12 and under are free.

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Thursday, February 1

NEW! 7 p.m.– Earth's New Reality : Truth and Consequences

This powerful program on climate change shows the evidence is overwhelming and the time to act is now. Jeff Riegel, Director of BirdCountry.US, spent 3 days training with former Vice President Al Gore to present this exceptional program that formed the basis of the book and documentary, An Inconvenient Truth. Don't miss this very special presentation.

Friday, February 2

8 am.-3rd Annual Eagle Watch Weekend Bird Count

Spend the morning with Mike Clarke and many of Southern Indiana's top birders at Lake Monroe's top bird watching sites. Bring your binoculars and scopes. We'll carpool around the lake. Dress for the weather and bring a snack. We'll return to Fourwinds at Noon.

NEW! 1:30 p.m. - The Miracle of Flight

How do birds fly? Hint: It takes a lot more than feathers. Take an in-depth look at this unique quality of birds with Eagle Watch favorites, Drs. Jim and Susan Hengeveld.

3:30 p.m. - Birding the Fourwinds

Join members of the Sassafras Audubon Society for an easy stroll around the Fourwinds complex to see birds that winter at Lake Monroe.



6 p.m. - Owl Prowl

Venture outside with local owl expert Ross Brittain to view screech owls in the wild. With luck, we'll get one to talk back to us! Near-miss flyovers are not uncommon.

8 p.m. - Pickin' and Grinnin'...Folk Style

Get ready for banjo, guitar, mandolin, bass and fun with Jim Eagleman and his musical friends as they journey through the styles of music that influenced the folk era from yesterday to today.

Saturday, February 3

NEW! 7 a.m. -Breakfast with the Birders

Grab your breakfast and find the table with your topic of greatest interest. You can pick the brain of an expert from the Sassafras Audubon Society.

8 a.m. – Feathered Fundamentals : Inside or Out

Learn the basics of birdwatching in your choice of settings – the comfort of the Admiral Room or the serenity of the outdoors—with Interpretive Naturalist Jim Eagleman and BirdCountry.US Director Jeff Riegel.

10 a.m. – Indiana's Bald Eagles : Yesterday and Today

Start with the 1980s reintroduction of bald eagles and work your way through today with an update of Indiana's endangered birds with IDNR's avian biologist, Dr. John Castrale.

10 a.m. - Just For The Kids: Version 1.0

The young and young-at-heart are invited to join envi-



ronmental education specialists from the area in exploring the world of our feathered friends. Come ready for fun. We'll play a game or make a craft to discover many things that make birds

fascinating creatures for all ages!

Noon to 5 p.m. - Eagle Watch Caravans

Busses will leave the front of Fourwinds every half-hour to take you to eagle-viewing hot spots on the lake, manned by our friends from the Sassafras Audubon Society. Dress for the weather.

NEW! 2 p.m. – Raptors from Far Away

You may not have heard of these birds, but they are every bit as fascinating as the ones right outside your door. How about an Augur buzzard, a Harris's Hawk, or a Eurasian Eagle Owl? Join the fun with Laura and Patty, rehab specialists from "Return to the Wild."



Saturday, February 3 cont...

4 p.m. - Just For The Kids: Version 2.0

The young and young-at-heart are invited to join our environmental education specialists again in exploring the world of our feathered friends. Come ready for fun. We'll play a game or make a craft and discover many of the things that make birds fascinating creatures for all ages!



7 p.m. – C-52 : Indiana's Eagle

Maria Abel-Crecelius from Patoka Lake, the long-time favorite of eagle enthusiasts in Indiana, will showcase her barred owl, as well as the most famous (and most photographed) of all Indiana eagles: C-52, a staple of Eagle Watch Weekend.

Eagle Watch Weekend Feature Presentation

Saturday, February 3 at 8:00 p.m.

The Ivory-Billed Woodpecker: Past, Present and Future?

The birding world was shocked in 2004 with the announcement of the rediscovery of the Ivorybilled Woodpecker in Arkansas. In 2006, even more compelling and promising evidence appeared in Florida. What caused their demise in the first place? What evidence is there for its existence today? And, most importantly, what does the future hold for the most imperiled bird in North America? Join John Schaust, Chief Naturalist for Wild Birds Unlimited, for an up close look at this icon of avian conservation.

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